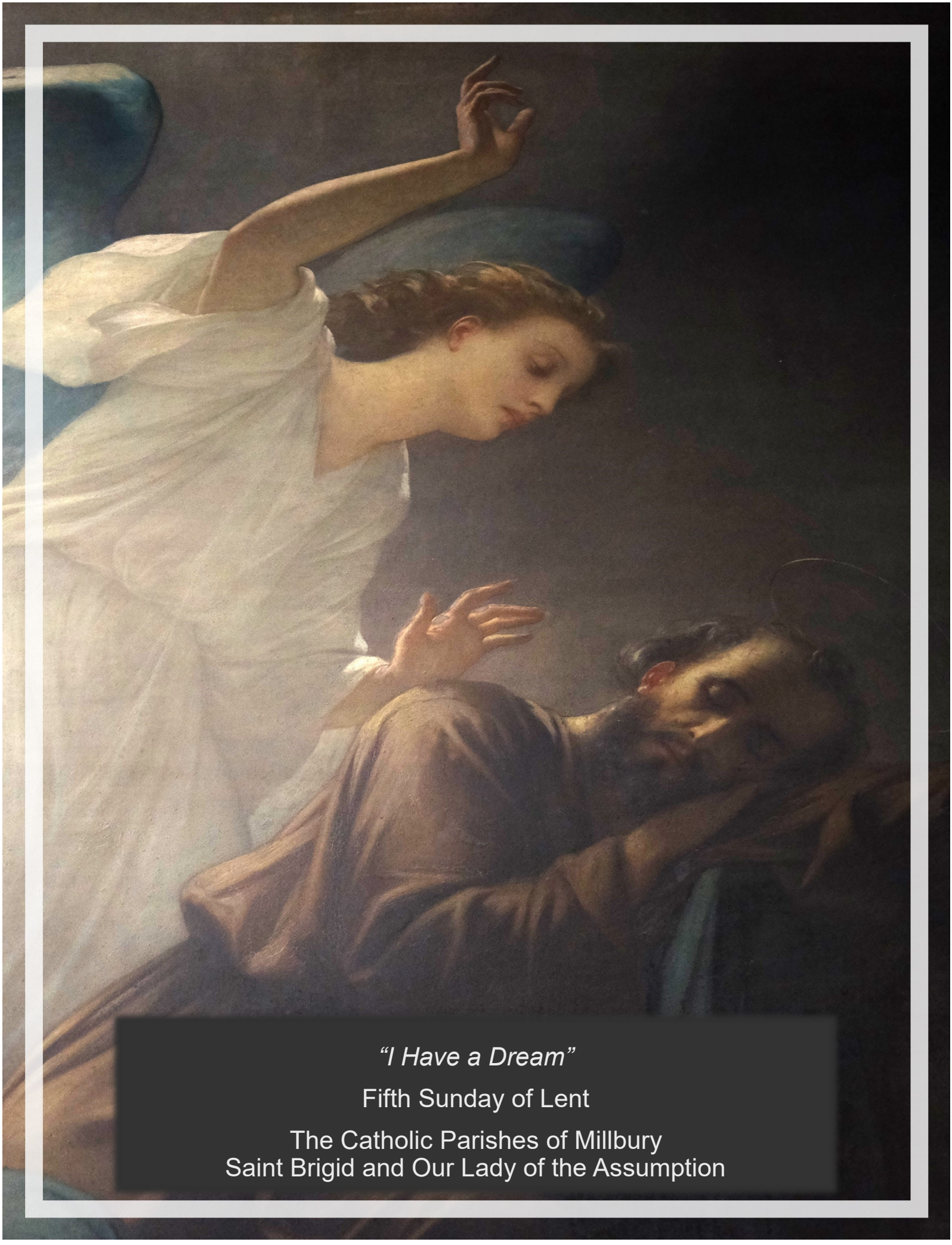

“I Have a Dream”

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Saint Brigid and Our Lady of the Assumption

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
SAINT BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Office

59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101
www.stbrigidparish.org

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657
www.assumptionmillbury.org

Assumption School

17 Grove St.
Millbury, MA 01527
(508)865-5404
WWW.ASSUMPTIONSCHOOLMILLBURY.ORG
Julie Olson
Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach

774-262-5506

Mass Times

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Assumption Church

10 Waters Street
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass Times

Monday & Thursday
9:00AM

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00AM

All at Assumption Church

Parish Staff

Clergy

Rev. Daniel R. Mulcahy, Jr.
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Ronald B. Buron
Deacon
Facilities
Safe Environment

Administration

Ronald Marlborough
Buildings and Grounds

Pastoral Associates

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.
Pastoral Care Ministry Emerita

Gregory Bernard
Adolescent & Young Adult Faith Formation
Youth Ministry
Communications

Deborah R. Blicharz
Children's Faith Formation
Community Life and Outreach

Claudette Belair
Music Ministry

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated each month. To prepare for your child's Baptism, parents will attend a preparational session. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat., March 20

4:00 PM **Elwyn and Beatrice Tift**
By: The family

Sun., March 21

7:00 AM **Shirley Huchowski**
By: Peter & Louise Kilmonis

9:00 AM **Rev. Camillus Thibeault, AA**
By: His sister Aline Bourdeau

11:00 AM **Dennis Daley**
By: Bob & Donna Gazaille

Mon., March 22

9:00 AM **James Gilmond and Carter Lolax**
By: Kandy Gilmond

Tue., March 23

7:00 AM **Anna Routhier**
By: Gloria Jarvis

Wed., March 24

7:00 AM **In Honor of St. Jude**
By: a Parishioner

The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury

Thu., March 25

No Mass

Fri., March 26 Stations of the Cross and Mass

6:30 PM **Catherine Bannon**
By: Janice Despres

Sat., March 27

4:00 PM **Robert Laliberte**
By: His wife Norma and son Stephen

Sun., March 28

7:00 AM **Pauline Alek**
By: Janice Despres

9:00 AM **In memory of John "Johnny" Francis, and for his family in their time of mourning.**
By: The Knights of Columbus , Bishop Flanagan Council

11:00 AM **Thomas Picknally**
By: Kandy Gilmond

Snow Policy: No School/No Mass
For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 27, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid
AS: R. Prue, T. Yaz
L: D. Blicharz
EM: K. Anderson, J. Hanratty

Sunday, March 28, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid
AS: J. Mazeika
L: T. Mattus
EM: N. Tabor, A. Nocchi

Sunday, March 28, 9:00 AM at Assumption
AS: J. Giro, M. Hoban
L: J. & M. Piselli
EM: R. & N. LaFlash

Sunday, March 28, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid
AS: N/A
L: J. & J. Geneva
EM: C. Mignini

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 20
First Penance Program @ SBC 11:00 AM

SUNDAY ~ MARCH 21
SLAA @ SBH @ 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ MARCH 22
AA @ SBH 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH 8:00 PM

TUESDAY ~ MARCH 23
OA @ SBH 6:30-8:00 PM
Cub Scouts @ OLAH 6:30-8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 24
No Events

THURSDAY ~ MARCH 25
Girl Scouts @ OLAH 6:00 PM

FRIDAY ~ MARCH 26
No Events

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 27
No Events

PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 28
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

SUNDAY March 21	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
MONDAY March 22	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
TUESDAY March 23	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY March 24	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
THURSDAY March 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
FRIDAY March 26	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
SATURDAY March 27	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
PALM SUNDAY March 28	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Oscar & Marcy Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Gregory Barlay
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Ann Beesley
Arthur G. Boucher
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Rita Cogliandro
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Kathleen M. DeCillis

Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Diane Dion
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Richard "Dick" Gendron
Edward & Frances Genis
Ruth Gonsorcik
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Thomas & Patricia Hamilton
Robert J. Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John & Shirley Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane

Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Joseph Matthews
Margaret Matthews
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Elsie Moquin
Ann Mulcahy
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Albert Nikosey
Evelyn Noonan
Joseph Noonan
Rosemary Norton
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Virginia Richnick
Arlene Riedle

Stephen Rodwill
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Bob & Rita Shea
Gino Silveri
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Paula Ward
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

May They Rest in Peace

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

CANDLES

Burning March 20 - March 26

Sanctuary Candles

At St. Brigid Church

In Loving Memory of

Elaine Roy

Requested by: Her husband

In Loving Memory of

Mildred Lemieux

Requested by: Her family

Saint Joseph Candle

At St. Brigid Church

In Loving Memory of

David

Requested by: Julia Wall & family

At Assumption Church

In Loving Memory of

Ann & Daniel Mulcahy

Requested by: Fr. Dan

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle

At Assumption Church

In Loving Memory of

Ann & Daniel Mulcahy

Requested by: Fr. Dan

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

GOOD FRIDAY: *Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.*

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Mass Intentions and Candles

DID YOU KNOW? *The sanctuary lamp or sometimes called a sanctuary light/candle burns before the tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ … to let us know that Jesus is home.*

DID YOU KNOW? *That beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph."*

DID YOU KNOW? *To honor St. Joseph, candles are being made available for your intentions at the statues of St. Joseph in both St. Brigid and Assumption churches.*

DID YOU KNOW? *Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Candles, and St. Joseph Candles are available for 2021. Masses are still available on weekends and weekdays.*

If you would like to schedule a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, or St. Joseph Candle please call the office at 508-865-6624, send an email to secretary@stbrigidparish.org or stop by the office during regular business hours, Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Please be sure to include your name and phone number in any contact along with your request.

God of love, source of all blessings, help us to pass from our old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare us for the glory of your kingdom.

Lenten Morning Prayer

Ministries

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Third Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: First Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: First Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup,
Paper Goods, Snacks

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

A Prayer for Women's History Month

Let us Pray.
We remember that March is Women's History Month.
Thank you for all the cherished women in our lives
and in our histories: Mothers, sisters,
friends and neighbors.

God, may women across the globe
continue to be empowered,
knowing the love you offer.
Amen!

-Written by Sojourners

Remember in Prayer this Week Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**

Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**

Andrew Hafferty

Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request.

Fish Fry Friday

Greetings from the Knights of Columbus!

It is once again, time for our "Friday Drive By Fish Fries", beginning February 19th starting at 4 PM at our trailer in the parking lot of St. Mark's in Sutton. Please help us help others by driving in to get the best fish in the area. Looking forward to seeing you all there. With much appreciation for your support,
Bishop Flanagan Council 12710

God's Peace be with you!

Welcomed in the Waters of Baptism

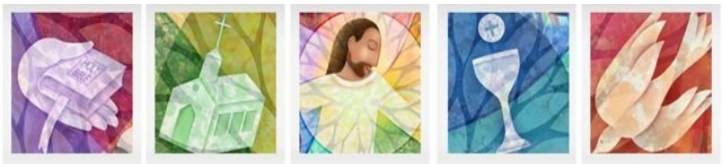
Saturday, March 13, 2021
our community of faith
welcomed

Scarlett Marie Moss

through the waters of Baptism.

Scarlett's parents are William Moss and Keyarra Wilson

FAITH FORMATION



A LENTEN PRAYER

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and feast on others:

Fast from judging others;
Feast on the Christ within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences;
Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from apparent darkness;
Feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on the divine order.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures;
Feast on prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety;
Feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.

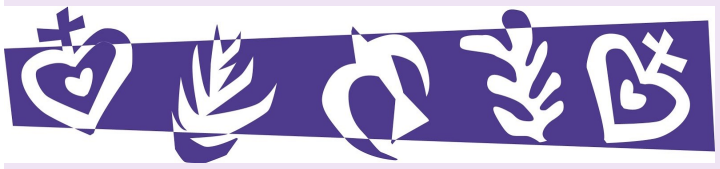
Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from sluggishness; Feast on discipline.

Fast from isolation; Feast on friendship.

Fast from tyranny; Feast on liberation.

- Author Unknown



In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of

Janet Gabree

who has gone home to God. May she rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Line: 508-865-6853
or 508-756-9854

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call one of the confidential prayer lines listed above.

Care for Creation Corner

"The environment...is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next." *(Laudato Si 159)*

Unused food can be composted which puts it to good use if your family does any type of gardening. Discuss the modern meaning of the phrase in Genesis 2:15 - "to keep and cultivate the garden". What is expected of us to "keep it"?

Time how long you are in the shower. Try to keep your shower to less than 4 minutes on average.

Use rechargeable batteries and eliminate the waste, consume less!! Example: Keeping your phone for 4 years instead of 2 has an environmental impact. Check storyofstuff.org

Discuss with the oldest members of your family their perspectives on protecting the environment. Express your hopes for the future.

FINANCIALS

Our Lady of the Assumption
Income
March 8, 2021

Regular Weekly Collection	**$1,686.00**
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$190.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$1,876.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt	$200.00
Specialty Ministries	$41.00
Utilities	$88.00
Candles	$30.00
Mass Stipends	$10.00
Funerals	$300.00
SVDP	$50.00
Easter Flowers	$182.00
Total Other Income	**$901.00**
Total Income	**$2,777.00**

St. Brigid
Income
March 8, 2021

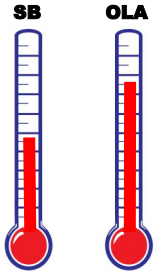
Regular Weekly Collection	**$4,897.00**
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$328.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$5,225.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt	$495.00
Specialty Ministries	$65.00
Utilities	$213.00
Hall Rental	$75.00
Easter	$10.00
Catholic Free Press	$39.00
Initial Offering	$8.00
Donation	$150.00
Mass Stipends	$35.00
Candles	$30.00
In Remembrance	$150.00
Easter Flowers	$312.00
Total Other Income	**$1,582.00**
Total Income	**$6,807.00**

Partners in Charity 2021

As of March 8, 2021

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
is at 77% of its Partners goal of $20,400.

St. Brigid Parish
is at 48% of its Partners goal of $60,000



The St. Brigid debt figure, after the recent payments and Diocesan match, is:

$22,817.60

This is down from the original figure of nearly $500,000. Thank You!

St. Brigid & Assumption Online Giving Combined
(Separate parish reports not available for this period)
March 3 - 10, 2021

Sunday Offering	$2,666.00
Debt	$165.00
Utilities	$140.00
Specialty Ministries	$65.00
SVDP	$50.00
Easter/Easter Flowers	$115.00
Snow Removal Donation	$15.00
Total monies paid	**$3,216.00**

Going forward, parish expenditures will appear in the bulletin as a monthly report and will be posted the second weekend of the following month. For example, the month of March which will be posted the April 11th bulletin.

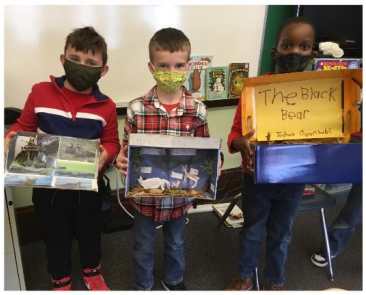
SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette at the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Catholic Schools Week Sock Drive

The First Grade Class at Assumption School has been busy studying "New England Animals in Winter". Students have been sketching and writing about foxes, turkeys, deer, chipmunks, bears, snakes, cardinals, skunks, rabbits, great blue herons, raccoons, river otters, lynx, groundhogs, bats, and more. The individual habitat projects they made, and the presentations they gave, were awesome. Great job First Grade!



CRS RICE BOWL

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

Rice Bowls are still available at both churches.

Please return your Rice Bowls by Palm Sunday weekend, March 27th & 28th at either church.

Please help our volunteer counters by converting monies to paper bills or writing a check payable to either parish for the total amount collected. Thank you!

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance

We **will assist Millbury residents who are 65 and older schedule a vaccine appointment**

The sites open are the larger ones the Governor has set in place. As soon as a nearby site opens up we will call you. If you have a computer you can go on to the Mass.gov website and schedule an appointment If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance, please call the center and leave your name and phone number ***508-865-9154***

Blood Pressure Clinic

Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.
The Blood Pressure Clinic is held inside now.
Come to front door and we will escort you from there!
Masks required, along with social distancing!

Transportation

Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester. A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides. Rides are free until July 1st. *For more information or to schedule transportation call the center at.508-865-9154.*

Food Pantry

Our pantry is open for Millbury residents Monday through Friday 9 A.M to 1 P.M. Please call ahead to place your order and pick up.

Friendly Visitor Program

Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone. Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice. *For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor, call the center at 508-865-9154*

"MEMORY CAFÉ"

Our Traveling Memory Café is visiting people monthly. If you are interested in a visit (outside) please call Julieanne Fitzgerald at the senior center
We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program. For more information call to RSVP!

"Grab & Go Meals"

Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door at 11:30 A.M. Menu is available on Town Website, www.townofmillbury.org or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page. A 48 hour reservation is required. Call for more information or to reserve.

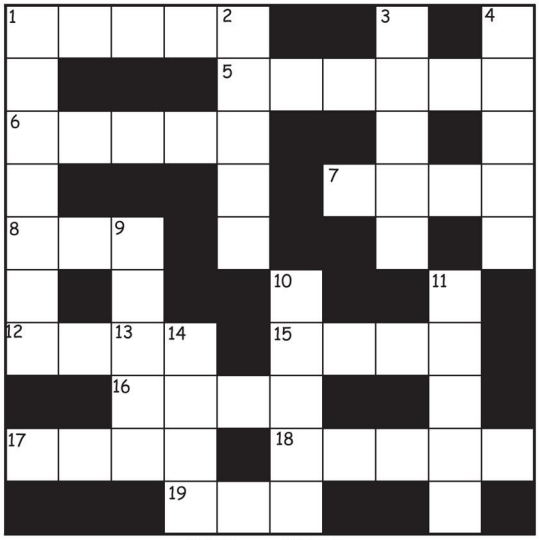
THE MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER IS ACCEPTING SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Call for an appointment & required documentation.

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

1. Our planet 5. Promise; I _____ you 6. A land with pyramids 7. Bad things; sicknesses 8. Fresh; not old 12. Someone with power over others 15. Forfeit; have to do without 16. Similar to 17. Created 18. Messenger from God 19. Evil act



CLUES DOWN

1. Everlasting 2. Strongly dislikes 3. Bad feeling after having done wrong 4. Celebration; a great amount of special food 9. Planet 10. Unsoiled 11. Make new again 14. Loses life

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I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts,

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. All, from the least to the greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

- Jeremiah 31:33-34

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"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." — John 8:32

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